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Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

The Tan-Ditters, of the Portland Hebrew Mission report that during 1946 they personally contacted over 5,000 Jewish people, delivered over 11,000 tracts and other pieces of Christian literature, and conducted services in 98 churches in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Margaret L. Weisenberg, of Christian Witness to Israel, Inc., New York City, reports a radio ministry over three stations, three fine vacation Bible Schools last summer, and several recent baptisms. We rejoice when any soul in Israel bows before the Messiah.

Hal Watkins, Anchorage, Alaska, reports 3 baptisms during December, 1946; one as a result of his radio preaching. He reports audiences that crowd the 12 by 24 foot living room of his home, and anticipates good crowds when they are able to move into the new log church building, which is growing gradually.

Charles Railsback, reports 9 baptisms and 6 added by transfer of membership at Ketchikan and Wacker, Alaska. One young man, a Catholic, was baptized in the ice-filled waters of Ward's Cove, the last Sunday in December. The mission boat, "Stormy Petrel," still has $1,921 owing on it, which must be paid at the rate of $150 a month. Brother Railsback is endeavoring to find 150 people (the One-Hundred-Fifty Club) who will give $1 each per month up to and through October, 1947, to clear the indebtedness.

The Chandlers

Brother and Sister Earl Chandler, who have until recently been ministering at Estacada, Oregon, are making preparations to go to Ketchikan as missionaries in the spring.

Carl Zehrung of Dillingham, Alaska, reports slight improvement from impaired health. The Zehrungs have a daughter, born October 6, who is reported to be "going strong." They would like to return to the States for at least a year; but are unwilling to leave Dillingham without a shepherd. They are staying on at considerable risk to their health hoping that some devoted Christian couple will come to their relief.

The Ali Jarmans, at Fairbanks, Alaska, report no slump in attendance during last November, in spite of temperatures ranging 20 and 30 degrees below zero. They have been having "open house" on Sundays for men from the nearby army posts. Brother Jarman has also been holding services in the Federal jail with the result that one young man was recently baptized, being permitted to go outside the jail for the service; another young man has declared his intention to study for the ministry as soon as he has completed his sentence. A Junior Church has been started under the direction of Myrtle Mildrum, as well as a choir and men's quartet.

Dr. Homer C. Murphy, who is doing a good work at Juneau, Alaska, writes of a necessary trip to the states during which he would like to hold a week of meetings in each of a few churches Any church interested can

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G. Gerald Sias

Is a member of the staff of A Crusade for a Christian World. He will work mainly with the ministers. He recently resigned his pulpit at Ponca City, Oklahoma, in order to do this work. He had been a successful pastor for several years and is eminently qualified for this work. Another qualification entirely apart from education and experience is the fact that he is a cousin to our own Hubert E. Sias, pastor at Mallory Avenue. Oregonians will welcome Gerald for that reason. Come and see us, Gerald.

District Conventions

A series of district conventions will be held in the state this spring. We give the list as far as they are worked out at the present time:

Central District, March 30, Bend.
S. W. District, April 15, Medford I.
N. W. District, April 29, Hillsboro.
E. O. District, May 6, 7, Heppner.
Willamete Dist., May 19, ?

As soon as the other two districts have set time and place we will publish it. Any one may attend the place and time most convenient to them; but everyone is urged to attend one of these gatherings. They will be in the interest of our state work.

Springfield Appeals

Our readers will remember that one year ago the Springfield church was completely destroyed by fire. They have been slow in rebuilding partly because of building conditions, and largely because they desired to replace it with a building more adequate than the one they had. Hence, they have been going slowly, but they have been going ahead. They now have plans and are assembling a fund. Springfield is one of the fast growing communities in the state and they want a building commensurate with the needs of the community. It will cost $70,000 or more. The congregation itself is not able to provide that without an enormous debt. Hence, they have sent out a letter to sister churches in the state asking for fellowship in this their need.

Use the Bible in Your Teaching

The above is the caption of a two-page article in the February issue of The Bethany Church School Guide. Have you read it? If not, then get a copy and read it. W. E. Powell, one of our outstanding religious educators is the author of the article.

Mr. Powell makes this strange statement: "The quarterly was never meant to be a substitute for the Bible. Its function is, rather to help the teacher as he seeks to guide the Christian growth of his pupils, to use the Bible in a more effective way." Of course that is something we have known all the time, but we haven't practiced it enough. Now get the magazine and read all he says about it.

Decisions for Christ

Spencer Austin says in the same current issue of the Guide: "It will not be easy to reach 225,000 decisions for Christ prior to June 30, 1950." Where did you get that stuff about 225,000? Oh yes! That is the goal for additions to the Church through the Bible School in the Crusade for a Christian World.

Mr. Austin has it figured down to a fine point. He calls attention to the fact that if we reach that goal each Sunday School must win a number equal to about one-third of the Sunday School attendance. Appalling! Yes, it is. If you are really interested read what Mr. Austin says further about it on page 193 of the Church School Guide.

Human Needs

Virgil A. Sly, our walking adding machine, says that only about 3,000 of our Sunday Schools and churches participated in the Week of Compassion last year. The need is even greater this year than last. Listen! 70% of the children in Poland have tuberculosis. Infant mortality in Jugoslavia averages from 30% to 50% of the births. One-third of the children in France are in sub-normal health conditions. And in China—, but stop! we can't bear to hear any more! Well, then get the Church School Guide and read all about it. Our schools must do something about it. If this reaches you after the Week of Compassion has ended remember that you can still take the offering and help just as far as you can. Oregon is asked for $9,000 this year. Will your school help?

Visual Aids

We have really been surprised to know the number of our churches that are purchasing a moving picture outfit—Yes Sir! a moving picture outfit. That is fine if you don't try to run competition with the picture shows. It just can't be done. But you can make it a tremendous asset to the religious education of your children, youth and adults. In this same number of the Church School Guide there is an article by Paul R. Kidd on "What's New in Visual Aids." You will find there a list of new film strips and movies. Look it up.

Tips for Workers

Mr. Superintendent, have you ever felt the need of something to read that will help you on your job? Well, here it is in the February Church School Guide—an article by Verdia Burke.

And, have you, Teachers, felt that your workers' conferences were very drab—you'd give anything to have them brightened up a bit. Well Sir, this same Verdia Burke (Who is she anyway?) has two whole pages on the workers conference.

Besides all that there are 14 pages of departmental helps, four pages of youth message, two for the Intermediates, two pages for the adults, and—O Shucks! we have to quit before we are through. Now get that copy of the Bethany Church School Guide and read all about it.

America Needs an Awakened Church

America must be strong to meet the responsibilities of the post-war world. The world is looking to her for direction and leadership. But America cannot be strong without the church.

There are 70,000,000 unchurched people in our land. There are strategic centers where new churches need to be planted and some struggling churches need assistance. There are minority groups like the Indian, the Japanese, the Mexican, the Negro that need the gospel. There are churches that need guidance and financial assistance in remodelling or building new sanctuaries of worship. There are hundreds of aged soldiers of the cross who gave their all for the proclamation of the gospel and now need our assistance. There is a world torn by disunity and strife that can be united only by the practice of Christian cooperaton. The church must be awakened to all this.

The Easter offerings help to maintain this work. Plan now to take this offering on Easter Sunday, April 6, for these causes. Special materials for the assistance of churches and schools have been prepared and will be sent upon request by Unified Promotion to those who wish them.

Another Church Fire

It was a shock when the news came that the new educational unit of the Central Church (Portland) was completely gutted by fire on the early morning of January 15. The damage is estimated to be above $10,000, but it was fully insured. Cause of this fire is not known. It would pay all our churches to have a careful inspection of heating plants and electric wiring. James Earl Ladd is the pastor at Central.

Astoria Dedication

May 25 has finally been set for the dedication of the new building. This $30,000 building was purchased from the Christian Scientists and the church has been completing the auditorium. It is now done except the placement of the pews. The date set will allow time for that. Astoria church will welcome their friends from everywhere on that date. Keep it in mind.

WOODBURN—Four baptisms and six statements since September. Improving the building and putting in a new baptistry. Geo. H. Richardson, pastor.

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Easter

Some think of Easter as a season for eggs and bunnies; others look upon it only as a day for beautiful music and special exercises; others regard it as an occasion to pep up business for a season. But to the really devout Christian it means the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. To them it is a time of joy, because it not only harks back to the resurrection of Jesus, but it pauses the memory on one's own resurrection from the watery grave, and looks forward to the final resurrection to life eternal. Why shouldn't it be a day of rejoicing?

How shall we express our joy on that day? By going to church? Yes! By all means! But the best way is by a gift that will help others to share the joy as we share it. The Easter offering is for that very purpose. Will you not give liberally?

Last year 2,114 churches and schools sent offerings at Easter time to causes represented by Unified Promotion in the amount of $1,993,869.93. Of that number 29 were in Oregon and the offering amounted to $2,762.88. You still have time to get your materials to observe the day.

State Convention

The State Convention Committee has had one meeting and have the program well under way for 1947. The date will be June 23-29, and the place is at Turner, as usual. The convention theme will be, "Lift Up Your Eyes." A guest speaker has been chosen but we will not presume to publish his name until he has accepted. The full program has been sketched and letters are already out asking for acceptance of assignments. Requests for accommodations have already commenecd to pour in. There will be an increase in the Lodge rates this year, but the committee has not yet ceased wrestling with what they shall be. As soon as the rates are set they will be advertised. It just isn't possible to ask rates that would ever repay the investment in the lodges and equipment. The equipment will wear out and the lodges will rot down before the investment would ever be repaid. Whatever the rate that is set, if you feel inclined to grumble at it, just remember that the State Board is making a large donation to you in furnishing the accommodations at the rates set.

THE DALLES — The meeting by Gene Chamberlain resulted in 3 baptisms, 6 statements, 3 life recruits and 2 confessions not baptized.

CORVALLIS—Has employed Delbert Daniels to hold a two-weeks meeting. G. Hayden Stewart, pastor.

Financial

January, 1947.

CHURCHES—Albany, $73.80; Bend, $25; Coburg, $10; Canby, $50; Court Street, $130.85; Eugene First, $126.20; Franklin, $15; Gladstone, $25.94; Harrisburg, $25; Heppner, $24.50; Hillsboro, $38.60; Hood River Valley, $25; Kern Park, $10.42; La Grande, $50; Mallory Avenue, $120.72; Medford First, $80.11; Nyssa, $23.08; Powell Butte, $10; Prineville, $36; Salem First, $33.37; Springfield, $51.25; St. Johns, $34.85; The Dalles, $15; Vanport, $31.46; Wallowa, $33; Woodburn, $10. Total, $1,108.88.

SCHOOLS — Carlton, $5.18; Court Street, $23.61; Drain, $18.12; Eugene First, $153.43; Junction City, $8.28; Kern Park, $32.25; Milton, $31.04; Monmouth, $22.04. Total, $203.94.

INDIVIDUALS—B. Ross Evans, $17; Gerald Richardson, $6; Meyer Tan-Ditter, $2. Total, $25.

CENTENNIAL—Neil Ward, Mallory Avenue, $10; Len B. Fishback, Bend, $10; Sol B. Taylor, Salem First, $25; R. C. Morton, Salem First, $10; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fortna, Klamath Falls, $50. Total, $105.

PERMANENT FUND—Interest earnings, $62.01; Paid on notes, $146.80; Gifts: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fortna, Klamath Falls, $5; Anon, $1.25.

January has been a good month. The offerings to the general fund are now about $900 ahead of the same time last year. The centennial offerings are, of course, tapering off. But there is still more than $2,000 in unpaid pledges. We shall make an effort, through this column, through letters and otherwise, to collect every dollar possible by the end of this fiscal year June 30. We must reach the $50,000 in cash in full. If your pledge is unpaid will you not pay it now, or at least pay something on it. Let's redeem the pledges.

Centennial Account

We take pleasure in giving here a complete account of the Centennial Fund from the beginning to January 1, 1947.

Receipts

From offerings	$48,046.57
Refunds	200.90
Total to account for	$48,247.47

Expenditures

Seaside	$ 812.50
Hebrew Missions	122.00
Tabernacle repair	2,098.95
Permanent Fund	5,020.00
Radio broadcasts	933.00
Lodge and rest rooms	6,985.27
Tracts	109.14
Communion service	121.59
Leep property	3,018.00
East Oregon grounds	5,200.00
Burns	1,197.61
Memorial vault	241.59
Landscaping	75.00
Promotional	10,223.72
Government bonds	222.00
Refunds	85.00
Total expended	$36,375.37

The refunds on the receipts side would take that much from the actual expenditures, and the refunds on the expenditures side would take that much from the offerings. The bonds listed in the expenditures were defense bonds that were contributed after purchasing. They were listed as both receipts and expenditures, but they will be available for use when they are finally cashed. We are still short of our goal on December 31, $2,038.43. There is just about that amount in uncollected pledges. If you have an unpaid pledge will you not send it in as soon as you can?

Northwest Christian College

By Kenneth Johnston

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:17, Revised Standard Version).

When James wrote about faith without works, he referred to the kind of intellectual and emotional assent that would say, "I need not do anything. God will do all that is needful." This kind of faith, regardless of verbal expressions by those who profess it may properly be classified either as an attempt to escape from reality and responsibility or as just plain laziness. Certainly it is an actual rejection of the Great Commission which requires going, proclaiming, teaching, baptizing.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and my fellow Christians enough to hold that when these fellow Christians are informed about a specific program of work for the church that they will arise and do it and the Lord will bless their work. This is why evangelistic meetings, church services and other Christian activities are given the widest possible publicity by those who are engaged in them wholeheartedly.

For the same reason Northwest Christian College takes every opportunity to tell about its program of training Christian leaders. We are engaged in preparing many to go, preach, teach, baptize. Indeed, we are actively engaged in sending them out to do these things. This is faith with its working clothes on and in use. It is intellectual and emotional acceptance of the crucified, resurrected and enthroned Christ plus a making effective the Good News in the lives of others.—Ross J. Griffeth.

Dormitory Rooms

The Keystone Bible School Class of the Yakima Christian Church has recently contributed $2,400 cash to the property fund of Northwest Christian College. They will be given credit for two rooms in the new dormitory. We express our thanks to the Keystone Class.

Through the First Christian Church of Centralia, Washington, another substantial gift has been made to the Barronett Memorial Room in the new dormitory.

We recently received a substantial payment from the first Christian Church of Billings, Montana, toward a room for the N. C. C. dormitory, Many thanks to the Billings church for this help toward the building program of N. C. C.

Parliament and Lectureship

At the time of this writing the combined Oregon State Preachers' Parliament and Northwest Christian College New Testament Lectureship is in session. Dr. W. A. Shullenberger, pastor of the Central Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, and a faculty member of Butler University, is the guest speaker. Also appearing on the program are: Orville F. Mick, Dr. Ross J. Griffeth, Fred Towne, A. C. Bates, C. F. Swander, Dudley Strain, Len B. Fishback, Dr. V. E. Hoven, Myron C. Cole, O. D. Harris, Hubert E. Sias, Kenneth W. Knox. N.C.C. students are in charge of devotions for each session. The First Christian Church of Eugene and the College are sharing together as hosts for the Parliament. It is indeed a great parliament. The churches of Oregon are well represented through the large number of pastors present.

Trustees Meet

The Northwest Christian College Board of Trustees held their semi-annual meeting at the College January 28. Dr. Orval D. Peterson, a member of the Board and pastor of the Yakima First Christian Church, delivered the chapel message.

Over the Top

Many thanks to all the churches and individuals supporting N. C. C. Contributions for the first six months of this fiscal year were 6.3% greater than for the corresponding period of last year.

Total enrollment to date for this school year is 339. Of this number 61 are veterans.

NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

After December January seems to be rather a quiet and uneventful month in Northwestern Christian Home for the family; but plenty of work for the staff. All were able to enjoy a Merry Christmas and a very pleasant New Year's party. There has been no serious illness in the family during January.

Mrs. Minnie Preston, of Silverton, is expected to be the next guest to enter the Home and will probably be here by the time this is read.

December brought generous contributions of supplies. The total value of these for the twelve months of 1946 amounted to $1,813.84 compared with $1,740.50 for 1945.

Our cash record is kept on the basis of the fiscal year July 1 to June 30. For the six months ending December 31, 1946 cash contributions received at the Home amounted to $7,049.45 which was $239.19 less than the corresponding six months in 1945.

Our board is negotiating with pump and electrical companies with the hope that this equipment may be installed before summer. Shortages of some materials and machinery make the time very uncertain.

J. Eric Carlson was able to stop over between trains while in the Northwest with the team leading the Assemblies of the Crusade for a Christian World and visited Northwestern Christian Home for a day.

Our area representative, Walter L. Myers, is at home in the Northwest for most of the winter; but will be in district conventions in California part of February and March.—Walter L. Myers.

A. N. Newbill

Brother Newbill died at his home in Dallas on January 23 as the immediate result of a fall. He had been blind for a long time, but bore the affliction cheerfully. His fall was occasioned by his blindness. He had been a member and officer of the Dallas church for many years. We counted him as a personal friend of long standing. We join with a host of others in extending sympathy to the family.

A Testimonial

Evelyn Anderson, a member of the church at Seaside, desires to give evangelistic messages in our churches. She claims to have been healed by the Lord and desires to give her testimony to that end. Mrs. Anderson has spoken in the Sellwood church and has a real message. She can be reached at 430 S. Holliday, Seaside, Oregon.—W. J. Brooks, pastor Sellwood Church.

HATTIE MENZIES TELLS OF INDIA

By Muriel Jordan

Mrs. Hattie Menzies, who with her husband the late Walter G. Menzies, served for more than 40 years as missionaries in India, wrote a long and interesting Christmas letter to some of her friends in this country telling of the conditions in India in general and of our mission stations in particular. Her letter is especially timely since all missionary studies during this six months period are centered in India. Here is a part of her letter:

"Dear Friends — Co-Workers with Him, that His will may be accomplished concerning needy individuals and groups that are very dear to Him, Greetings: I arrived in India April 20, proceeding directly to the hills in South India where my daughter was residing. The hot weather was on and many of the missionaries of our stations had already gone to the hills as the heat was severe. I took a quiet rest for four months attending many conferences and conventions of Christians in that place. After the strenuous winters work in Eastern U. S. A. I found I needed just that.

"September 4 I started to the plains although a strike was on and it took me three days to make an overnight journey in normal times; and five days and nights to get to our pioneer station at Bilaspur. This was started in 1884 by Misses Boyd, Kingsbury, Graybiel and the Adamses. As I do not mind travel I began at once to go about and see the progress of our work. This station is one of our largest and the city has a population of between 30,000 and 40,000. There is a church both at the railway center and in the town. The center is three miles from the town proper. The pastor is one of the Damoh Orphanage boys and was educated here and in the United States, receiving some medical training also. He has filled many places of usefulness in the Mission and is doing a fine piece of work in this church where railway employees attend. He can advise his flock both in soul and body.

"The big mission hospital is in the town. It is not big enough to take care of all the patients properly, and at home would be thought impossible to take as many as it does. Corridors and store rooms have been made places to shelter patients that beg for a corner that they may get healing. One is reminded of the crowds that followed the Master for the touch of His garment. Three Indian doctors are in charge during the furlough of Dr. Hope Nichosen. Two American nurses, Miss Ruth Mitchell and Miss Harner, a daughter of a former missionary are in charge of the training of Indian nurses which numbers 32. These doctors are daughters of our Christians. One, a cook for one of our missionaries in 1907, married an orphanage girl and to them were born three sons and two daughters. One daughter, Dr. Moti Solomon, the head surgeon in this hospital, is clever in every way. One boy is a splendid teacher in Pendra Road Junior High and has been there about 12 years. Another is an evangelist and has gone to the U. S. A. for further training, and I do hope you may meet this fine young man and behold some of his fine, deep spiritual attitude and experience. The other son is in government employ and a fine Christian man. The other daughter is head-mistress in a Normal School for girls. All of this family are fine examples of what the power of Christ can do. Dr. Lawrence, the daughter of our pastor at Damoh, is another efficient and able worker in this hospital and a witness of the love and patience of the Master.

"I saw the nurses, young women from all walks of life, file into the living room of the missionaries bungalow for morning prayers because no other place was available, every space having been given over to the patients. These nurses are taking a three year's course and an added post graduate course, so before they started the day's work they came apart for quiet, and Bible study and prayer. I talked to them on John 15:7-16. Truly they were chosen vessels going out to serve these so needy within that compound. As I followed them around I was glad to see their bright faces, hear their kind words and see their patient and helpful manner as they ministered to every need. . . . . Christ was walking through those corridors and wards, touching lives, giving hope and healing through them. My heart went out in a great longing as I thought of the misspent dollars in the home-land that would provide plenty of room for the waiting multitudes here and through it what joy would come to darkened, hopeless hearts."

(Space will not permit printing all of Mrs. Menzies' letter in this issue, but another installment of it will appear next month. Watch for it).

More Mission Recruits

Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Barrett, Harvey Lord and Miss May Sweet were accepted as missionary candidates by trustees of the U. C. M. S. at a recent meeting. The Barretts were studying in the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky; Mr. Lord, President of the United Christian Youth Movement, is studying at Union Theological Seminary. Miss Sweet will graduate from Phillips next June.

Here from Congo

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Boyer, who have served many years on our African mission field, arrived in this country on furlough recently. The Boyers attended the Crusade meeting in Eugene, Oregon, on January 15. The Boyers and Miss Jessie M. Trout, National Executive Secretary from U. C. M. S., in Indianapolis, were special guests of State Board members at a dinner in the Eugene Hotel that evening.

Relatives of Goldie Wells, missionary to Belgian Congo, have had word that her health is failing under the strain of the work there and that she has gone to Monieka for the second rest period in recent months where she can have medical care from Dr. A. G. Henderson.

National Field Staff Meet

An important meeting of the field staffs of the Department of Education with the National Headquarters Staff was held at Turkey Run State Park Inn near Terre Haute, Indiana, January 3-10. The entire problem of implementing the Crusade program was outlined. Mrs. J. W. Jordan, State Secretary of Missionary Organizations—Education was the representative from Oregon in attendance. Many nationally known leaders were on the program daily.

The Staff meeting was preceded by a three-day retreat for the Missionary Organizations staff and the state presidents at which Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Leslie J. Carson, State Missionary Organizations president, were present.

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Rockaway Entertains First Ninety and Nine Rally

By Ed P. Dewees

On January 13 the Rockaway Christian Church was host to the first Ninety and Nine rally ever held there. And had the meeting been set for one year earlier the men attending would have found the church door locked and the lights of the building darkened. It was just last spring that the Coast District Ninety and Niners heard the challenge of that empty church building at Rockaway and with the help of God resolved to give assistance to the small nucleus of faithful brethren who had sounded a Macedonian call.

Space here will not permit a review of the reopening of the work in the early summer of '45 and of the revival conducted by our evangelistic team in the fall. It is enough to report that a busy Bible School averaging over 40 is meeting every Lord's Day, that the gospel is being preached from the pulpit that had gathered dust, and that the Lord's Table is once again spread for His disciples in that community. Under the leadership of Barrett Whitely, N. C. C. student, the work continues to grow.

But we must get back to the report on the rally. Five coast churches were represented despite snow and frost and a generally disagreeable winter night. Some 25 men enjoyed a warming dinner of venison and other delectables prepared by the Rockaway ladies. The program of the evening opened with a song service led by Brother Whiteley and the invocation pronounced by Herald Haskell. A word on the state work was presented by your reporter and an inspirational message was given by Clifford Snyder. In the following business meeting a report was given by Jess Johnson on the Oretown meeting, Elery Parrish evangelist. An offering of $21.51 was taken for support of the meeting besides the regular offering for the state Ninety and Nine work. A recommendation was also voted that the Wi-Ne-Ma Boys' Camp be of one week's duration. Seaside was the place chosen for the March 10 rally. President Elmer Swett called upon Jess Johnson for the benediction.

Yamhill Men Meet

The rally of the Yamhill District which had been set for January 20 at McMinnville had to be postponed until January 27, the regular meeting date of the Northwest District. This writer was confronted with a difficult decision in selecting one of the meetings, but felt amply justified in choosing McMinnville—for one thing the turkey dinner was super and the ladies served it very graciously, albeit we were warned about creating a traffic hazard while trying to transact business with the district officers as the dessert was being served. However, a major collision was avoided.

Arnold Ledbetter, president of the McMinnville men, served as program chairman and introduced Tom Baker and Ben Flint, students of Linfield College, who performed the duties of song leader and pianist. A word of welcome was given by Paul Patrick, Bible School Superintendent, and B. Ross Evans read the Ninety and Nine Scripture and led in the evening prayer. Mr. Baker then sang the "Ninety and Nine" to precede the message of C. F. Swander. Using I Cor. 6:13 as his text, he warmed the hearts of his listeners with the challenge to face the problems of this day as strong men of God. Jimmie Osborne, host pastor, requested the singing of an invitation hymn following this message and every man was thrilled as one who had been outside of Christ came forward to declare anew that good confession of Simon Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Retiring president, Charles Teegarden, opened the business meeting by calling the officers for the new year to the rostrom and requesting State President Hugh Olds to conduct the service of installation. Dr. T. M. White offered the prayer of consecration to close this service. Those installed were: President, Tom Beasley, Newberg; Vice President, Vic Emmons, Willamina; Secretary-Treasurer, Lester Kaufman, Sheridan; and Pastor-Adviser, Jimmie Osborne, McMinnville. Brother Beasley took over the chair and conducted the business matters to be considered. Total attendance at the rally was 84, and the offering and local pledges toward the district budget totalled over $200.

Kern Park Men Hosts

The regular rally of the Northwest District was to have been held in the Central Christian Church on January 27 but due to the fire which severely damaged part of the educational plant there the Kern Park Church generously offered to take over. While we could not be there to secure a detailed report we understand that the rally was the best attended district meeting in recent months with more than 200 men present. St. Johns men took top attendance honors for the second rally in a row with 51 present. It seems that their officers had planned to needle the men of the home church with the presentation of a special work of art, but someone forgot to bring said picture to the rally. Perhaps the presentation will be made at the Hillsboro rally on March 24.

Special music featured a vocal solo by Mr. Olson and numbers by the Kern Park Male quartet. Mr. George Thomas, a negro worker on the staff of the Portland Church, brought the message of the evening on the subject of race relations.

Central Oregon Plans

In conjunction with the general fifth Sunday assembly of the Central Oregon churches held at Madras on December 29 a business meeting of the Ninety and Nine Men of that district was conducted. In the absence of the president and vice-president, secretary Bob Breckenridge presided. Regular business matters were cared for and special attention was then given toward plans for the Boys' Camp to be held next summer. Len Fishbach was elected as general chairman to outline plans and a committeeman from each church of the district was named to assist him. (Later word has come that the former Marine rest Camp at Crescent Lake will be the site of the Central Oregon Camp.) The next men's rally is to be held at Sisters on February 14. We presume the fellows will exchange valentines.

Fellowship at Forest Grove

On December 27 the Forest Grove men met for a dinner and fellowship meeting. Art McCoy was master of ceremonies for the occasion, calling upon Vic Spaulding, president, for a word of welcome. Guests were introduced and your reporter was called upon for a "brief" account of the state Ninety and Nine program. Miss Luella Ortman, member of one of the N. C. C. trios, sang a solo accompanied by Miss Joyce Ewing. Special instrumental music was provided by Leslie Carson and Leon McQuarry with Mrs. Carson accompanying. James Schick,

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address him, "Box 1056, Juneau, Alaska;" or, write me, "J. Frank Cunningham, 521 S. Howard St., Newberg, Oregon."

The Work in India

We are in receipt of an attractive little calendar from Tom and Leota Rash, of the Christian Mission to India. It has an interesting picture of Indian landscape or Indian people for each month. I imagine they would gladly send one to anyone who would write to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rash, Christian Mission to India, Ragaul, Hamipu, United Provinces, India." The Rashes also publish an interesting mimeographed "magazine" — "Reflected Rays," of 15 or 20 pages.

Mrs. J. Russell Morse, daughter Ruth and two older sons, Eugene and Roberts, are now in the United States, after many years on the field "where China, Burma and Tibet meet." (The younger son, LaVerne, came back to the states several years ago.) This furlough was long delayed by the war. The father, J. Russell Morse, is still on the field, helping David and Lois Rees and Jane Kinnett, new missionaries, to get settled on the field and provisioned. In spite of setbacks and major problems, 1946 was one of the best years in the history of that field, with more than 500 baptisms during the first six months of the year. It is possible that J. Russell Morse will be in Oregon this coming summer. If not, Robert and one of the other boys are expected to spend some time in the state.

China

Walter V. Jones, student at N. C. C., secretary of the Chinese Christian Mission, which was founded by Mr. and Mrs. Rolland L. Sjodin, writes that their young Chinese assistant, Chin Ting-Wu, was one of 71 persons killed in three plane crashes at Shanghai, at Christmas time. The China Christian Mission is a going concern, even though the missionaries are still in the United States. Mrs. Sjodin has converted a number of young Chinese service men in this country. On June 30, 1946, Lt. Glenn D. Lynn, was baptized at Austin, Texas, as a result of her work. (Lt. Lynn has returned to his home land.) On last August 11, Lt. Hsiun Wei-Tsen, an officer of the Engineer Division of the Chinese Air Corps was baptized at the Beach Grove Church near Indianapolis, Indiana, also a result of Mrs. Sjodin's work. Lin GwoDond, another of her converts is now in Shanghai. It is hoped that he will take up the work that Chin Ting-Wu was forced by his death to lay down. The newest recruit to this mission is Dexter Williams, of Cottage Grove, Oregon; a former student at N. C. C., but now enrolled at Eastern Christian Institute, East Orange, New Jersey. While continuing his studies he is assisting the Sjodins in establishing a mission in the New York Chinatown.

Guy W. Mayfield, founder of the Mediterranean Christian Mission, wrote early in January that he expected to receive soon the passport for his family to sail for Italy. The other workers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phipps, and Miss Betheen Grubaugh, have applied for their passports.

Convention Classes

By the time this is read the Educational Committee will have set up the courses for the classes in convention this summer. They will doubtless be listed in the next issue of the OREGON CHRISTIAN.

Hendricks' Address

A good letter recently from Kenneth and Grace Hendricks, written from Toyko on January 18, gives a most interesting account of their first days in Japan. Space forbids the publication of the letter itself, but we do wish to broadcast their address:

Kenneth C. Hendricks, Sei-gakuin, Nakazato-cho, Takinogawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan (5¢ regular mail, 25¢ air mail); or address to Dr. P. S. Mayer, GHQ-SCAP-Ci & E, APO 500, c/o PM, San Francisco, California; "in which case our name should not appear in the address. It may appear in the return as a cue to Dr. Mayer that it belongs to us and he will then hand it over to us without the bother of opening it."

HATTIE MENZIES

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State Board Meet

Mrs. Leslie J. Carson presided at a meeting of the State Missionary Organizations Board in Eugene on January 16, at which time plans were made for the program and study classes at the state church convention in Turner the last week in June.

WORSHIP

By Mrs. Arthur Stanley

The offering is and always will be a most important factor in worship. Because people have been provided with few opportunities to develop a wholesome attitude toward giving the offering should be made a worshipful act. It is a purposeful act which would serve to objectify and make real the emotions, attitudes, and purposes created and intensified by the preceding elements of the program. It is a very effective means of making the worship experience psychologically complete, which is only another way of saying that it is a convenient and effective vehicle by which the worshippers may respond to and express the ideals, attitudes, and purposes presented in the preceding elements of the service. The offering is more than this, however. In sharing God's purposes we are brought into closer fellowship with Him. In the offerings we are cooperating with God in the building of His kingdom, and thus in this purposeful act we find the real heart of worship which is fellowship with God in worth-while activity. This fellowship will be possible and meaningful to the extent that people have a definite part in deciding what they are giving for and why; thus the offering will become not merely an habitual form, but a response to a felt need.

Educators tell us that we learn best by "purposeful doing," and that attitudes, motives, purposes, and ideals are made more permanent and meaningful in our lives if there is opportunity for us to make active response to the situation. The offering, therefore, is not serving its rightful mission in the worship program if it becomes just a part of the mechanics of the service. Because it is one of the acts of "summing up," it should be attended by all the dignity and beauty which characterizes the other elements in the program. An offering prayer preceding, or following; quiet and effective music; a dignified and carefully prepared procedure will all help in this. (Copied from the booklet, "Youth at Worship.")

Missionaries to pray for in February are: Hattie Mitchell, Africa; Edna Hunt, India.

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local and long time member of the Forest Grove Church, gave an interesting talk on some of the problems and prerogatives of his profession. 35 men were present.

Greeting from Burns

As noted in the last issue it was our privilege to start another year by meeting with the members of the Burns church in their New Year's Eve Watch party and business meeting. While the outside atmosphere was a bit chill (some 3 degrees above), the entertainment and fellowship within the theater building which presently houses the brethren there was certainly much warmer. In fact, we felt it was very warm as we paraded about the circle of judges in the "New Year's baby" contest adorned in the latest thing in headgear for infants! (At that, we didn't rate a prize.) Plans are going ahead for beginning of their church building as early as possible, but despite their own need the Burns men were among the first to present their MMM gifts to the West Eugene project. It is that spirit which will keep the Burns church going forward for the Master.

West Eugene

The first response to the Millennium Minute Men call for West Eugene has been encouraging, especially as the envelopes returned show many new names on the roll. If your name has been missed check with the local officers of your men's group or write to Ed Dewees, 9022 N. Mohawk Ave., Portland 3, Oregon.

Hebrew Christian Mission

Meyer and Alice Tan-Ditter present the following report of the Mission at 2406 S. W. First Avenue, Portland, for the year 1946.

Receipts

Sunday offerings at hall	$990.84
Mail offerings	1,740.13
Missionary meetings	570.40
At services in 98 churches	510.56
Personal offerings	805.21
Total receipts	$4,617.14

Expended

Hall expenses	$ 746.15
Promotional expense	645.04
Welfare and benevolence	917.00
Pulpit supply etc.	530.00
Travel and car upkeep	328.25
Fellowship meetings	42.06
Mission help, painting, etc.	30.47
To the Tan-Ditters	1,200.00
Total expense	$4,439.14
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	178.00
Balance January 1, 1946	1,243.69
Total balance December 31,	$1,421.69

During the year the Tan-Ditters contacted over 5,000 Jewish people; distributed over 11,000 tracts; gave out 137 New Testaments; sent out 13,000 mimeographed letters and 4,000 post cards; visited in 234 homes; held one special campaign; preached 297 sermons; conducted 17 funerals and 11 wedings. Travelled 8,400 miles.

GRANTS PASS—14 additions in December and January—3 by baptism. During 1946 there were 108 additions —48 baptisms. Bible School and Communion Service about 20% higher than last year. Sing for Earl Hanson Fife at Great Falls, Montana February 12 to March 9. Gordon L. Hypes, pastor.

TURNER — Mrs. Amanda Davis, a guest at Turner Memorial Home, died during January. Mrs. Gilstrap, matron at the Home, fractured her leg but is recovering nicely. Freeman Yardley, pastor.

Glad Tidings

TOLEDO—2 baptisms and 1 by statement January 5. Milton Faxon, pastor.

ASHLAND — The meeting closed January 19 with 5 baptisms and 8 by letter and statement. One other confession not baptized. Attendance good. B. Ross Evans, state evangelist, did the preaching. "He has increased in power over 5 years ago." Hal Camp, from Central Point, led singing and was soloist; his wife played the piano. They were very acceptable. Earl F. Downing, pastor.

MEDFORD FIRST — There were 12 baptisms and 3 otherwise in the meeting held by E. R. Moon in December. Delbert W. Daniels, pastor.

SCIO—Galin E. Jordan visits this church each Sunday. He returned from the army a few months ago and is now on the faculty of NCC in the speech department. We welcome Galin back into the active ministry in Oregon again.

ESTACADA—W. S. Crockett has accepted a unanimous call as pastor. "On the recommendation of Governor Charles Sprague he was assigned a place on the staff of the Oregon Institute of Technology during the war. The professors expressed appreciation of his co-operation. President Ed Clark wrote: 'The librarian never has had such understanding workmanship in the custodial department before or since Mr. Crockett served on the staff. He was assigned work done by two men in peace time on account of the war emergency.'"

DALLAS — Closed Jupin meeting December 29 with 27 baptisms, 6 by transfer and 90 rededications. Good audience and fine spirit; church enthusiastic in support of meeting; scholarly sermons and dignified campaign. Baptized twin boys at the same time—my first experience. Fred L. Towne, pastor.

MILWUAKIE—1 baptism in December. Adrian Fraley, pastor.

WILLAMINA—The annual meeting January 5 showed annual receipts of $5,217 including $1,400 for missions. Rebuilt the choir loft and improved the parsonage. Will finish class rooms with plywood. The last three months of 1946 there were 3 baptisms, 5 added otherwise; and a Bible School average of 117. 3 more baptized January 12. Ray C. Smith, pastor.

ROSEBURG—4 baptisms and 4 by transfer added during January. The pastor, Kenneth Knox, will hold a meeting at Myrtle Point in April. The Bible School attendance in 1946 was 226 compared with 158 for 1945.

ALBANY—3 baptisms and 1 by statement added in January. We are assembling a building Fund. Orville F. Mick, pastor.

SALEM FIRST—Two baptisms and seven others added in January. Dudley Strain, pastor.

WILLAMINA — 2 added by statement February 2; 163 in Bible School; will construct a tennis court. Ray C. Smith, pastor.

NEWBERG—2 added by statement February 2 and 1 on January 12. Bible School attendance 269. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

DAYTON — State secretary visited Dayton February 2. Attendance growing. Bob Mulkey going good work as pastor.

GLADSTONE—1 baptism in January. Wilbur R. Hensley, pastor.